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Methodist Education Foundation

Education is one of the most important tenets in the Methodist tradition. With this in mind, the Methodist Education Foundation (MEF) was incorporated in 1984 and is established under The Methodist Church in Malaysia.

The principal objective of the Foundation is to receive and administer funds for educational, scientific and charitable purposes, for the welfare of the public. Financial aid in the form of scholarship loans and grants are disbursed annually to eligible and deserving students to help them achieve their goals and dreams of obtaining a diploma or degree, thereby giving them a head start in life.

The last two years have been especially difficult as the Covid-19 pandemic hit the nation. Whilst donations were hard to come by, more students applied for loans and grants. Many of these students come from single-parent homes, struggle to make ends meet and some students even work part-time to help in the family's financial situation.

Through God's grace and providence, many churches and especially individuals answered the appeals made and donated generously so that we were again able to help 137 students last year.

This year, MEF continues to seek donations to achieve its objectives of helping Malaysians to attain a higher education and a better future. If you would like to be a part of this cause and contribute towards nation-building and the betterment of our society, you may bank in your donation directly to the Methodist Education Foundation (HSBC Account No. 302-311618-001) and email the bank-in slip with contact details to mef@methodistchurch.org.my. A tax-exempt receipt will be issued.

For more information on the MEF, please visit our website at www.methodistchurch.org.my and click on the tab 'Methodist Education Foundation'.

Testimony of Moses Raja Jayadurai, former recipient of MEF scholarship grant from 1996-1999:

"During my studies, my parents provided financial support but it was a struggle as I have 2 more siblings at secondary school and I did not receive any scholarship or loan. I started my studies with what we have at the University Kebangsaan Malaysia. It was difficult to make ends meet and at the right time, we received a note from a church member, who noticed our difficulties, to apply for assistance from MEF.

In no time within the 1st semester, MEF responded and released the funds to partially support my education fee. Together with my parents' income and the financial support from MEF, I was able to complete my studies.

I am very grateful to MEF who came forward to support me for the 3 years during my degree course in Business Management."

What's Next after Methodist Prayer Convention?

By Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar

Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia



After every major event or programme, there is always the question, "What's next?" Likewise, today. "What's next after MPC?"

I have no conviction to begin a new prayer group and call it this or that. But I want to see a prayer movement rise in our midst. That is why we chose **Renewed Through Prayer** as the theme for our Methodist Prayer Convention 2022. I am deeply convinced that we must continue to keep prayer as the main agenda of our Methodist Church in our quest to see **A Renewed Church**, which is our Methodist Church theme, based on Lamentations 5:21,

"Restore us to Yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored!
Renew our days as of old—."

The Rev John Wesley translates the last bit of verse 21 as, "Restore us to our former estate."

Verse 21 is **not** about the Jews returning to their homeland; or returning to their glory days. Renewal here is of the conversion of their hearts and the transformation of their lives. 'Bring us back to the days of a right relationship with You Restore us to Yourself,' that is what Jeremiah is saying.

As I wait upon the Lord, on "what's next?" it has been impressed upon my heart that we need to see a prayer movement arise. I believe the way to do it is "to pray unceasingly" as the apostle Paul mentions in 1 Thessalonians 5:17. It is a familiar verse and one that is most referred to. At the same time, it is a very neglected verse when it comes to putting it into practice.

'Pray without ceasing' does not mean that we pray non-stop. I think the New Living Translation says it so well, "Never stop praying." It is not **'pray non-stop'** but **'don't stop praying'**. Prayer should be recurring in our lives to show that we are dependent on GOD. Don't neglect prayer. Don't give up praying.

Through prayer we come into a right relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ. The Rev John Wesley said that prayer "is the grand means of drawing near to God." Furthermore, it is "the breath of our spiritual life." In other words, we cannot live a Christian life without prayer. Prayer builds a close relationship with GOD and for those of us who have lost that relationship with GOD, prayer can and will draw us back to a proper relationship with Him. Prayer prevents us from backsliding. Many hearts

probably have grown cold because of the neglect of prayer. Many Christians fall into sin because of the neglect of prayer. If you are facing more temptations, it may be because you are neglecting prayer.

Also, don't stop praying because there are some things that we need to pray about again and again, like corruption and greed. We need to pray repeatedly for good governance in the church and the country, for "A Renewed Church" and for holy living. Even when we have become a renewed church, we must continue praying so that we remain a renewed church, strengthened and well fortified against the attacks of the evil one. We must pray totally relying on God and not give up. And God will do wonders in our midst.

Don't get tired of praying. Pray alone, pray daily, pray as a family, pray with your church. In every church there should be a regular prayer gathering. Carry it out in-person or hybrid. Take it seriously and get most of our people to join in. Don't do draggy prayer meetings. When the early church prayed (Acts 4:31), the place was shaken. Their prayer gatherings were lively and no one could have fallen asleep in that kind of prayer gathering.

I want to encourage us to join the once-a-month online prayer gathering of The Methodist Church in Malaysia. Don't neglect prayer in your small groups,

cell groups, care groups, Bible Study groups, women's group, youth group, senior's group, Sunday School - whichever group you are in. I am sure you are not in all the groups that I have mentioned. So, where you are, pray there. Don't neglect prayer.

There are church members who ask, "Can we join in this prayer group or the other one started by the other group?" Prayer gatherings are always started by the Holy Spirit. The flesh will never think of a prayer gathering. Wherever you discern that the Holy Spirit has started a prayer gathering, join in. But most importantly, don't neglect your church prayer gathering.

Pray like we have never ever prayed before. Because the times we live in are unlike times of the past. We see all over that evil has increased and natural disasters have also increased. So, we must not stop praying. In fact, we need more prayers everywhere. In this way, we would have raised a prayer movement.

We have come to the end of MPC 2022. To GOD alone be all the glory. Blessings and peace to God's people everywhere. See you in our monthly MCM Prayer meeting and see you again in the next MPC.

(An extract from the Closing Remarks made at the Methodist Prayer Convention, 20th-22nd May 2022.)

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Sarikei Su En Learning Centre Reaching Out to the Longhouse Community

By Rev Law Hui Seng (*Director of Board of Evangelism, SCAC*)



In January this year, the Board of Evangelism and Ministry for the Sarawak Indigenous People (MSIP) received a request from the Commission on Evangelism of Sarikei District to pioneer at Su En Learning Centre (former Tak Teck Methodist Church) in Sarikei to teach English and Mathematics to seven longhouses near Sg Selidap.

MSIP and the Board of Evangelism decided to support them. With the encouragement of the Board of Evangelism, the Commission also organized the District Indigenous Ministry Group so that they can be responsible for the indigenous work of the entire district. This includes long-term longhouse adoption ministry, opening up more unreached longhouses for adoptions, holding short-term mission trips, collaborating with local missionaries, encouraging more people to become local missionaries and promoting the Su En Learning Centre ministry.

At the end of 2021, the Board of Evangelism started visiting the seven longhouses in close cooperation with volunteer local missionary, Nguang Sii Khing and Chairman of the Commission on Evangelism of Sarikei District, Brother Yong Sing Tai, to recruit indigenous students to learn English and Mathematics at Su En Learning Centre. During the recruitment process, we also brought along school missionary, Liu Ngen Kiaw (based in Sibu), to observe and promote the local mission work at Su En Learning Centre.

We started out in faith that God would provide us English and Mathematics teachers. We have nothing but prayers to commit. As a result, missionary Liu Ngen Kiaw was very willing to step up and became the first teacher to help out there. Because of this, we decided to start the English class in May. We prayed for 5 teachers at the preliminary stage. For the first class on May 7th from 2-4pm, God provided us 4 teachers. We praise the Lord for these 4 volunteer teachers.

At present, we have 16 primary school students and 2 secondary school students enrolled. As Brother Michael Kong can teach secondary school students English, we also boldly recruited secondary school students to learn English. We started with one English class every Saturday. The Saturday program includes prayer, Bible storytelling, singing hymns and English songs, and character building. After that, there is about an hour of English lessons.

If there are more teachers, we will open more English and Mathematics classes. These two subjects are generally weak subjects for the indigenous children. If we help them in education based on our mission and love for them, they will have higher academic qualifications and can find better jobs in the future, and it will also help them to get out of poverty. We have to seize this opportunity in education and missions.

As we focus on English and Mathematics education, we need a lot of volunteer teachers or full-time local missionaries to meet this need. We believe that Su En Learning Centre will attract many indigenous primary and secondary students to study because they know that this effort will help them improve their abilities in all aspects. We are also appealing for financial donations as well as donations of English and Mathematics books to enhance their learning.

For the long-term plan, we will need to buy a second-hand gospel van to fetch these indigenous children to classes.

I urge everyone to pray for the Lord to raise at least 10 other volunteer English and Mathematics teachers to help at Su En Learning Centre.

"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." (Colossians 3:16)

Probationary Members Retreat 2022

By Rev Lenita Tiong, *Sarawak Chinese Annual Conference*



Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon, retired Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore, one of the guest speakers

Once every four years, the GC office organizes a retreat for all the Probationary members of all the six annual conferences under the Methodist Church in Malaysia. This year, it was held online via zoom from 8th - 11th March 2022.

A total of 117 probationary members attended and the speakers for the retreat were Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon, retired Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore; Rev Dr Isaac Lim, retired President of the Trinity Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Singapore; Rev Dr Philip Siew, retired Principal of Seminari Theologi Malaysia, Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar and Rev Lenita Tiong of SCAC.

The topics covered Ordination, the Book of Discipline, Family, Finance, Singlehood and Vision. There was also a session for all the probationary members to meet all the seven Bishops.

As for me, I was very blessed in my interaction with the probationary members. They were very interactive during my sessions and were quick to respond. What struck me most was the number of new pastors in all our annual conferences, some young and a few have worked for a few years before going into the seminary. There were both male and female and multi-racial. Immediately, after the sessions, I whatsapp to some of the Bishops and said "there is hope for MCM" and indeed there is. Let's continue to pray for our probationary members as they continue their journey to ordination and to years of faithful ministry.

Here are some of the comments from some of the probationary members:

As I prepare for my ordination, Bishop Jeya's teaching on this topic in the context of Methodism inspires me while I am in this journey of itinerant ministry. It reminds me that it is not my right, but we have been set apart to teach the Word and administer the sacraments. Ordination reminds me of my calling to shepherd, always to be humble and live a holy life as an example to society.

Ps Christopher Toh (CAC)

I was truly blessed during the retreat, especially the call to serve and manage our families. We often get burn out when we keep running in ministry, but our family requires our care and love too. We need to set our family in order for our ministry to not be disoriented. I am convinced that family is instituted by God and it should be given the necessary attention.

Ps Kelvin Paul Raj (TAC)

PMR其中一堂的信息提醒了我，牧者是教会与社会的榜样。他们是最容易被众人瞩目的基督徒。牧者也应该让教会引以为傲的人。因此，个人认为身为牧者，我们的举止行为一定要成为众人的榜样。在Bishop Solomon的信息中提醒了我，在服侍的道路上，不可忽略自己的家庭，要有时间给自己的家人。另一方面，教会也要知道牧者的家人，不是理所当然的是教会免费的同工。(In one of the sessions, I was reminded that pastors are the role models for the church and society. They are the most visible Christians. A pastor should also be someone that the church can be proud of. Therefore, I personally believe that as pastors, our behavior must be an example to all.

Bishop Solomon's message reminded me that we cannot neglect our family, and we need to make time for our family. On the other hand, the church also needs to know that the pastor's family members are not the free co-workers of the church.

Ps Dorcas Yeat Ling Kiang 叶林姜 (CAC)



This retreat has been very beneficial. It is especially helpful for new preachers. I learnt that having a vision is very important. As Rev Dr Isaac Lim said, one of the vocations of a preacher is to be sensitive to God's vision for the church and to guide the church to walk in His will. He also emphasized that before delivering vision to the church, the preacher must first receive vision, and that the way to receive vision is through the preacher's daily life of Bible study, devotion and prayer. In any case, overall, this session has edified me.

Ps Finsen Wong (SCAC)



Ps Finsen Wong (left) with another probationary minister, Ps Chris Huang



Rev and Mrs Ting Hua Seng with their 8-month old baby

I was very blessed by Rev Dr Issac Lim's session. He is down to earth and understands the questions and the needs of the people on the ground. He answered our questions with very wise words which make the people in the dark see the light.

Rev Ting Hua Seng (SCAC)

In Loving Memory



Rev Dr Wong Tik Wah

Chinese Annual Conference Bishop,
The Methodist Church in Malaysia

Deepest Condolences to
Mrs Wong, family, church and friends.

Methodist Prayer Convention 2022

(20th – 22nd May 2022)

Renewed Through Prayer

By Pr Robert Khaw (TRAC Prayer Coordinator)

We praise God for the Methodist Prayer Convention from start to finish.

This was the fifth in a series of MPC held once every 4 years, toggling between Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia. For the first time, this year's MPC was organised in a hybrid mode.



So many people were involved and so many details to look into in so short a time! There is no shadow of a doubt that our God was with us every step of the way.

Our Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar chaired the first meeting on 14/1/22. The MPC Working Committee was formed. Bro Ronnie Hii was appointed as the Chairman. Different ones were tasked with different responsibilities. Many others later came onboard to serve faithfully and diligently as intercessors, translators, technicians, moderators, subtitling personnel, etc.



MPC 2022 Working Committee

Everyone served the Methodist Family wholeheartedly, unitedly, and purposefully with the common objective that all things done would ultimately bring glory to God.

Here is the essence or the conclusion of the account of the things that happened at MPC. Bishop Jeyakumar aptly put it in a nutshell in his closing remarks:

I want to see a prayer movement rise in our midst. That is why we chose, 'Renewed through Prayer' as the theme of our Prayer Convention based on Lamentations 5:21. This verse on renewal is about the conversion of the hearts and the transformation of the lives of the people.

What we need to see next is a prayer movement. The way to do this is to "never stop praying" (1 Thess 5:17; NLT). Don't give up praying. We cannot live a Christian life without prayer.

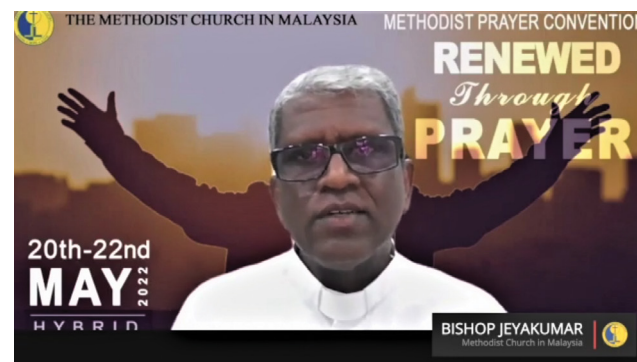
Prayer can draw us back to a right relationship with God. Prayer can prevent us from backsliding. Keep on praying to stop corruption and greed. Keep on praying for good governance in the country. Keep on praying for holy living and a renewed church. Keep on praying, totally relying on God. Don't give up praying. Don't get tired of praying.

Take prayer seriously. Get our people to join in prayer. Join the once-a-month MCM prayer gathering. Whichever group you are in, pray. Don't neglect prayer.

Don't forget this – the impetus to pray is always by the Holy Spirit. The flesh will never think of prayer. Whenever you discern the Holy Spirit has started a prayer gathering, join in. Most importantly, don't neglect your church prayer meetings.

We see all over evil and disaster have increased. We need to pray more. We would then raise a prayer movement – a regular time of prayer in our individual lives, home and wherever else.

Finally, as we end MPC now, it doesn't mean we are ending prayer. Prayer must continue.



Now, not long ago (24/4/22), Bishop Jeyakumar shared a vital truth from Nehemiah 9:3 at the monthly Methodist Church in Malaysia's Prayer Gathering concerning preparation for prayer. "We need to listen to God first – listen to His Word – and then bring our prayer to Him."

At the MPC, God sent two of His servants, namely, Mr Asiri Fernando (Sri Lanka) and Rev Dr David Doong (Taiwan), to bring God's Word to us. These are surely matters of importance for us to recall and pay attention to, both in our actions and prayers.

We thank God for testimonies of how participants connected the Word they had heard to prayer. One such testimony is by sister Lee Sok Yan from Subang Methodist Church: "Let the morning Bible study or devotion inform my intercession. Pray what I have learned from the Bible for people." For me, the morning devotion is a precious personal time for communion with God. It still is – but I need to regularly include this aspect that Mr Asiri Fernando mentioned in his talk in Session 1 of MPC 2022."

Mr Asiri Fernando shared on the various aspects of church renewal viz.:

- † Renewal through Persevering Intercession (Phil 1:3-11)
- † Renewal by Walking in the Light (1 Jn 1:5-10)
- † Renewal by Embracing the Mind of Christ (Phil 2:3-11)
- † Renewal by Returning to the Wonder of the Gospel (Phil 2:1-2) – Aldersgate Sunday

Meanwhile, Rev Dr David Doong taught us on mission and evangelism viz.:

- † The Centrality of Mission (Mt 28:18-19)
- † The Necessity of Evangelism (Mt 1:15; 9:35; Rom 1:1, 16)

Those who wish to listen afresh the MPC sermons in the different languages, here is the link:

<https://mpc.smced.org/>

Thank God for the partnership in the gospel with Bro. Asiri Fernando, and for his love expressed in his heartfelt prayers on Aldersgate Sunday for the Methodist Church.

† "Oh, may God open the eyes of the church to see the wonder of the Gospel."

† "Oh, that we would be united in our call to proclaim the Gospel – that every Methodist church will have a united strategy to reach the lost in our area who need the love of Christ."

† "Oh, may this be the burden of our prayer – that we would know the love of Christ, and with one mind boldly proclaim this beautiful Gospel to a lost generation"

Thank God too for Rev Dr David Doong, who also made reference to Lamentations 5:21, saying: "To the Methodist Church, let us return to the call of mission, ie. make disciples of all nations. This is the core value of our Lord Jesus' commission. The church will go through a renewal. The future glory will be greater

than the past glory because our God is a God of new things!" (Hag 2:9; Isa 43:18-19)



Asiri Fernando

And what a needful and timely prayer it was for him to intercede for our Methodist church:

"You are a God who accomplishes new things. Bless us Lord, and may our church be a blessing to all people of all nations.

Help us not to be a self-preserving church, but a church with a mission to reach out to all."

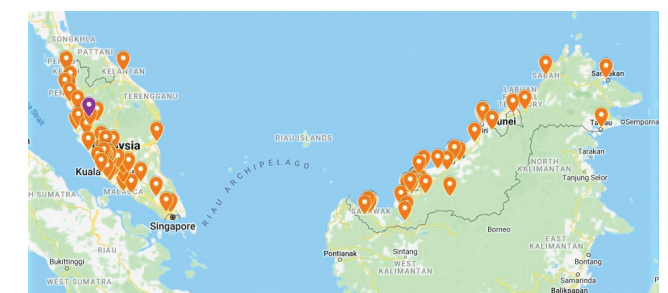
All God's people responded with a resounding "Amen" in the hubs, Zoom and homes throughout the land. Hallelujah!



Rev Dr David Doong

At this MPC, participants had the option of joining either via church-organised hubs (in-person or Zoom) or YouTube. It was encouraging to hear of self-organised hubs at the Cell Group level too.

Meeting in hubs was a wonderful opportunity for participation in worship, prayer and fellowship with others. There were nearly 150 hubs nationwide. Whatever the hub size might be, one thing we know assuredly: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them," Jesus said (Mt 18:20).



Regarding prayer sessions in the hubs, there was flexibility in the way they were organised. Not just hubs but also individuals joined in prayers led by intercessors in the main MPC Zoom. Thank God for the prayer partnership of multiple prayer teams that were set up by the Annual Conferences. Meanwhile, other hubs organised themselves in small groups to pray through the prayer items that the Annual Conferences discerned as important. Still others chose to pray with different prayer leaders stepping forward to intercede as they were led by the Holy Spirit.

Whatever the prayer pathways might be, the one important thing was that the multitude came in one spirit to worship and pray earnestly for the church, the nation and the world. Thousands more participants joined in prayer in their homes via YouTube.

Truly, all the churches in the Annual Conferences were united in oneness of heart before our Almighty and Loving God in prayer, who hears the cries of His people.

“Hearer of prayer, to Thee all flesh cometh.”
(Psalm 65:2; YLT)

Our hearts were stirred up by the Holy Spirit as indeed it was when Bishop Jeyakumar joined the in-person hub in Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya on the first night, and prayed thus:

*Dear God,
We are desperately in need of renewal in our church. Please look mercifully at our Methodist Church. Holy Spirit, descend upon us. Make us what You want us to be. Empower Your church. Revive us, O Lord! May we be people with repentant hearts. May our church be a mighty witness in our nation. May the church not fail. Baptize us afresh with Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*

Praise God for the concert of prayers that ascended heavenward like incense to God (Ps 141:2; cf Rev 5:8).

Praise God too for the participation in the grace of giving and the fellowship of suffering as we shared and prayed for our badly-affected Sri Lankan brethren. Thank God for the collection of funds, which came to more than RM260,000 to be disbursed through our Methodist connection.

As we look back, how apt then was the chosen theme for this year’s MPC – “Renewed through Prayer”! As we look ahead, let us recall and be mindful of what Bishop Jeyakumar had exhorted all of us at this Prayer Convention: “As we end MPC, it doesn’t mean we are ending prayer. **Prayer must continue.**”

Now, all these things that have been written – as a record for us and for our actions – all took place by God’s grace alone and for God’s glory only.

Bro Albert Paul Raj (*Tamil Methodist Church, Cheras*)

Although the worship and sermons in the MPC 2022 were pre-recorded, I felt the presence of God through the worship by each Annual Conference, and also the messages by both our special speakers. This was especially so on the second day when TAC led the last session. I received news that people in the hub strongly felt the presence of God. Praise the Lord for His mighty presence during the three days of the MPC 2022. Looking forward to the next Prayer Convention!

Bro Jimmy Phua (*WMC, Kuantan*)

Very good MPC. Triple thumbs up! Well-organised and good speakers. Mr Asiri and Rev Dr David Doong are anointed speakers. First time listening to them, but I can see their passion for Christ and the work of God’s Kingdom. MPC being hybrid also helped to reach out to more Methodists and friends. No need to travel far, yet for those who prefer the in-person participation and fellowship, they can also opt for it. I would encourage such a hybrid platform in future. Many couldn’t attend previous MPC due to travel distance, and the need to take leave from work. Also, I take my hats off to the tech team. I believe a lot of hard work were put into the tech preparation. Blessed be the Name of God!

Rev Jenny Teo Kim Chee (*Agape Methodist Church, Kota Kinabalu*)

Thank God for the opportunity to serve and participate in this MPC. Although we are scattered in different hubs and places, we are united in Christ. I enjoyed the multi-lingual praise and worship sessions, especially the session led by the TAC team. Although I couldn’t read Tamil at all, I enjoyed singing along by referring to the Romanised lyrics and receiving the same touch from the Holy Spirit. When we sang using Iban, Tamil, Bahasa Malaysia, English, Mandarin languages in unison – in oneness – we seem like being in Heaven already! Every tongue, every tribe, every people, every land, giving glory, honour, prayer and praise unto our almighty Heavenly Father! How wonderful it is!

Bro Yap Choon Hong (*WMC, Johor Bahru*)

At first, it just felt like any other prayer meetings. There were the usual feelings of anxiety about praying in front of people, the worries about not praying the right thing or in the right way, the awkwardness that came from wondering whether it would make any difference, especially when it felt so uninspired. Then as we went along, a realisation came to me – the thought that all of us were praying at the same time on the same things. On the surface, there didn’t seem to be anything extraordinary about that thought. However, the thought remained, and it gradually became something else. It became a sense of connectedness, which although abstract yet felt comforting. Looking deeper, I had a fleeting glimpse of the underlying reality that was yet untouched by the anxieties and awkwardness and all the other emotions swirling around in me. The reality was that we were all praying in one spirit, despite how it

might look from the outside. Though fleeting, I felt strangely comforted after that, and I settled down to just praying. The sense of connectedness is what resonated with me.

Rev Effindy Pengiran (*Methodist Preaching Centre, Kota Kinabalu*)

Sungguh indah apabila setiap anggota Jemaah gereja melibatkan diri dalam perhimpunan doa yang telah dilaksanakan secara hybrid. Gereja Methodist terdiri dari berbagai suku kaum dan bahasa yang berbeza, tetapi bersekutu dalam satu perhimpunan doa dengan membawa segala isi hati kepada Tuhan dengan mengimaninya bahawa Tuhan akan mendengar dan menjawabnya. Banyak mesej Tuhan yang telah diberikan kepada semua orang melalui khutbah yang telah disampaikan oleh Rev Dr David Doong dan Bro Asiri Fernando melalui perhimpunan ini. Antaranya adalah doa merupakan sikap keintiman yang secara terus menerus antara manusia dengan Tuhan dan setiap orang percaya haruslah merasakan bahawa dunia ini adalah ladang misi kami yang perlu dikerjakan.

Mdm Collin Utan (*Gereja Methodist Iban, Miri*)

Kita kehabisan perkara-perkara doa sedangkan masa masih banyak. Tapi Roh Kudus tetap bekerja! Permohonan doa masuk-masuk sehingga kita dapat habis guna masa satu jam, dan kita dapat cari orang yang bedoa untuk permohonan doa, walaupun saya yang memimpin itu jauh (Miri) dari pasukan mereka yang berdoa (Sarikei). Selain itu, anak saya belajar di Curtin University dan sekarang sedang betungkus-lumus untuk persediaan kajian perpustakaan untuk projek dia. Tapi dia terpaksa bekerja untuk mangatur Zoom dan YouTube di gereja kami untuk Konvensyen Doa Methodist sebab dia adalah pegawai kami. Suami dan saya doa untuk Tuhan membantu beliau dalam masa yang sama dapat bekerja untuk Tuhan. Puji Tuhan pensyarah membantu dia dan membuat kajian tersebut. Sekali dia tengok pensyarah, dia emel “Puji Tuhan”.

Bro Vincent Lai (*Subang Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya*)

I feel the subject of church renewal that was mentioned during the MPC can also apply to my church. Our church truly needs to refocus or reinvent our priorities for God’s kingdom values to be established. Firstly, we need to look to God with fear and trembling, which will result in full obedience – submission – surrender to God to be emptied of ourselves, so as to fit into God’s purposes with spiritual fervour, serving the Lord by integrating mission, evangelism and discipleship-making. We need a strong commitment to be a praying church that is also grounded powerfully on the Word of God to move us to run and finish the race, to bring the fulfilment of the Gospel to the people in our community with love, compassion and care, and to win souls for Christ. We must be intentional in our efforts to want to make a difference by shedding our old self and put on a new garment of holiness to bring revival and renewal.

Participants’ Heartfelt Takeaways at MPC

Bro Ronnie Hii (*Tabuan Trinity Methodist Church, Kuching*)

It is a great honour to be the organising Chairman of MPC 2022. With continual prayer and team work until the end of MPC and with God’s grace, things went on pretty good and better than expected. Well, some good words and applause are expected. But suddenly, I realised our speaker Mr Asiri Fernando said: “But son, you are not home yet.” I should not have an interest in the crowd’s approval, but God’s approval. There is so much glory waiting for us in heaven. Mr Asiri continued saying – not “I” but “Christ”. Christ is much better than I. If I continue to be “I”, I will continually compare my life with others, imagining their happiness or joy, while bemoaning my own situation. Pray that God bend “I” to be Christ-like. Only by bending me to be Christ-like, then I will be sanctified, grow in holy living, and experience deep assurance that I belong to the risen Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bro Lim Chong Ho (*WMC, Teluk Intan*)

It is a great feeling that the whole Methodist community in Malaysia and elsewhere are united with us in prayer to our Lord. This unity pleases the Lord. Also, I like the teachings from our two speakers. They are very down-to-earth, practical and encouraging to the listeners.

Pr Christopher Toh (*KL Chinese Methodist Church – Hokkien*)

I thank the Lord for giving me such a valuable opportunity to serve on the Organising Committee of the Methodist Prayer Convention 2022. It is a rare occasion that we have opportunity to serve with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ across different Conferences. The extent of organising and coordination work is beyond expectation as all come from different backgrounds and cultures, but the grace of the Lord is sufficient for all of us. The preparation work for pre-recorded sermons and praise and worship, live prayer sessions, and Q&A sessions showed that all those behind or at the front scenes were serving faithfully for the Lord. The commitment from the translators and IT team were extraordinary. All these reflect the unity in Christ, nothing is possible without the divine blessings during the three days. Although some physical hubs were facing attendance challenges, I am indeed inspired by hubs that saw a good turnout for praying together as a community of faith. This Prayer Convention has given me a memorable experience, and I am encouraged that as the Methodist family in Malaysia, all can come together (whether in-person or online) and pray in one voice for the will of our Almighty God to be done in Malaysia.

STM's New Building Dedication Service

By Monica Jayasekara-Yeoh (*Student Affairs Secretary*)



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

STM's new building extension was dedicated on 30th March 2022, a public testimony of God's faithfulness and providence. The small size of the crowd did not in any way dampen the significance of the service. Financial concerns continually tried to disrupt the completion of what we had set out to do but nothing could stand against an infinite faithful God in accomplishing what stands today. The total project cost stands at approximately RM7.2 million and we have a balance of RM1.2 million to raise.

The new building houses seven new lecture rooms, a new modern conference room that can accommodate around 40 people, office space, music rooms and an open lounge area for student gatherings. The total seating capacity of all the areas combined is

approximately 320 people with the exception of the student lounge.

Much praise and thanks were offered to God throughout the dedication service. As much as we are awed at what has been accomplished, we are humbled at the purpose for which the building stands. With God at the helm of every decision, we will continue developing effective transformational leaders who will go on to disciple and transform lives and communities that they are called to impact.

During the dedication service, the Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Malaysia, Rt Rev Thomas Low prayed,



Message by Bishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing translated by Dr Elaine Goh



Welcome Message by Dr Chong Siaw Fung (STM Principal)



STM's new building extension comprising 3 blocks with prayer labyrinth in centre



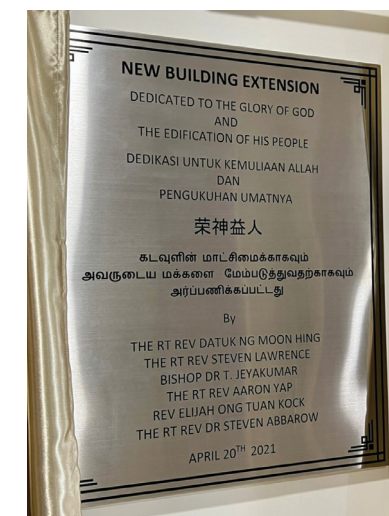
Unveiling of The Wall Plaque

"Save us from the failure of vision which would confine our ministry within these walls but send us out from here to be Your servants in the world, sharing the blessings of Christ with the world He came to redeem."

STM truly stands as a testament after 43 years since its inception in 1979. But, we choose not to rest on our laurels. Jesus proclaimed "It is finished," but we are not done yet. We will continue to faithfully serve the bigger body of Christ with open arms cutting through the denominational divide. Every year, we provide theological training to the body of Christ representing Methodists, Anglicans, Evangelical Lutherans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and others. May the unity envisioned by our founding members never dissipate with time but may we be a testimony of unity in diversity.

As you read this, we invite you to visit us in Seremban and see what great or small insights that God will deposit in your heart, though a small insight is never insignificant in the greater plan of God.

The choir summed up the dedication service with a beautiful rendition of Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God alone) and the service culminated with the ribbon cutting ceremony and the unveiling of the wall plaque, which will stand as a constant reminder that *"With God, nothing is impossible."*



New Building Extension Plaque



Prayer Blessing at Academic Office



Prayer Blessing at Prayer Labyrinth

Emmanuel Methodist Church 25th Anniversary

By Viji Lee

On 4th December 1994, the Petaling Jaya North Parish of Kuala Lumpur Wesley was established as a Preaching Point, with 45 members. On 18 May 1997, this preaching point became a local church – Emmanuel Methodist Church, with 87 members. The year 2022 marks the 25th year of EMC as a church. Now, EMC has 452 members. In 2008, EMC established a preaching point which later became a local church, Whispering Hope Methodist Church.

God has been with us throughout all these years in so many ways. **How great thou art, almighty and faithful God!**

In celebration of our 25 years, we planned out a few initiatives: the 'Bless to Bless Project', the '25th Anniversary Gift to Bless,' the 'God with Us, 25th Anniversary Edition Book' and the Anniversary Celebration Service and Lunch.

The 'Bless to Bless Project' aimed to mobilise EMC members to step out and bless others. With Ephesians 2:10 ("For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do") as our guide, the Youth Fellowship, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade and every Care Group were each given some seed money. They were asked to look for opportunities to bless someone or a group outside EMC. Many groups have started their 'mission,' while some are still deciding.

The '25th Anniversary Gift to Bless' encouraged members to give generously. As stated in 1 Chronicles 29:14, "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand," we were moved

to collect donations throughout the month of May. A little over RM 100,000 was collected for three organisations: Haknook Jenang Ministry (Raub), Seminari Teoloji Malaysia, and the Methodist Education Foundation.

The 'God with Us, 25th Anniversary Edition' will be EMC's fourth book of testimonies. Psalms 22:22 reads, "I will praise you to all my brothers; I will stand up before the congregation and testify of the wonderful things you have done." Hence, this book will aim to encourage our community in their faith. The book is expected to be in circulation by November 2022.

Lastly, the Anniversary Celebration Service and Lunch was held on 18th May 2022. As stated in Psalms 118:24, "This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it," this celebration focused on God's provision for EMC. It brought the EMC family together to celebrate this 25-year milestone. Pastors who had served in EMC before, Rev Paul Christie, District Superintendent and TRAC Bishop Joshua Khong were all our guests of honour. Bishop Joshua Khong preached at the bilingual (Mandarin & English) service. Despite many people's apprehension toward a large gathering, around 280 people attended the celebration lunch. For some, it was the first time meeting other members face-to-face since the Covid-19 pandemic started in March 2020. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and mutual encouragement.

'Emmanuel, God with us' – a befitting testament to Emmanuel Methodist Church. Truly He has been with us the past 25 years, He is with us now and we know that He will be with us for the next 25 years and beyond. Our God is faithful.



One of the CGs have reached out to a Myanmar refugee school.



Another CG reached out to a family which had members recuperating from an illness

Celebration lunch at Pantai Seafood Restaurant



Celebration Service at church

Anniversary gift to all members and guests

Kem Sehari Begulai Enggau Kobm Sitak Sibu Jaya

Ripot ditulis Judith Jonathan Nora



Puji Tuhan, sekali agi bala KOBM ari Gereja Menua di Sitak Sibu Jaya udah mujur ngator Kem Sehari ba Gereja Methodist Iban Sibu Jaya kena 19/3/2022. Kem sehari tu digulo 20 iku raban KOBM Gereja Menua ABC Oya Road, Salim, Sengan, Spau enggau Gereja Sibujaya. Tema kem KOBM ke sekali tu ianya, **“Aku Nemu Pelan Aku Ke Nuan” Jeremiah 29:11a (For I Know The Plan For You).**

Bisi 2 iku speaker ti bekunsi ka jaku Tuhan maya nya , ianya Pastor Brendstein Kulleh enggau Guru Besar, Cikgu Jabut Minda ti udah bekunsi ka topik **“Integriti Membentuk Peribadi”**.

Tuai Sitak Sibu Jaya, Rev. Jonathan Nora bisi datai bejadi kem seharinya lalu pia mega Rev. Lawi Kulleh ti sama bisi datai.



The Footprint of Love Left at Taman Sri Muda 爱在太子园留下的足迹

Y N Yap 钱叶月娥 • 华人年议会卫理妇女会会长

犹记得那天（2021年12月27日），与女儿恺筠出席早上7.45am崇拜后，就加入吉隆坡福建堂MCRD团队接力赛式乘四轮驱动汽车到沙阿南太子园（Taman Sri Muda, Shah Alam），协助清洗灾区满是黄泥臭味的家园。这次团队有不同年龄的兄弟姐妹，其中年龄最小的有16岁的Angelina。

我们严守防疫措施，出发前确定各人必须完成接种疫苗，临出发前再次作Covid-19检测，感谢神，所有参与的志愿义工都没有确诊。

大家遵守MCRD指示预备了基本配备：

1. 雨靴 Rubber boots
2. 手套（布料和塑料）Hand gloves (both cotton and plastic cleaning gloves)
3. 轻便雨衣 Lightweight raincoat or poncho
4. 快干衣服裤子 Quick-drying clothes and pants
5. 个人药物 Personal medicine
6. 移动电源 Powerbank for own mobile
7. 雨伞 Umbrella
8. 饮用水 Drinking Water
9. 足够面罩和洗手液Extra mask and hand sanitiser.

我们也在出发行动前一起同心祷告，求掌权万有的父神，眷顾保守我们除了有健康身心灵，也有额外恩典、智慧、能力，以致所托付的工作皆能完成。我们在沙阿南堂集合，大家先作一个基本全身喷射消毒，带了清洗的扫帚、各类刷子、铲、垃圾袋、畚斗、汽油发动喷水器、长钳子、各类抹地拖把等，就驱车往指定的灾民住家。

志愿团队都穿上防水的手套、雨靴、拿着清洗器具；路途中发现到处堆满垃圾，许多水患损坏的电器、家

私、车辆等，交通阻塞，一些交通灯也瘫痪。到了目的地，我们接洽了相关请求清洗的屋主，开始分工合作的清洗，屋内外一片凌乱、满目疮痍、被黄泥厚厚掩盖、恶臭刺鼻，惨不忍睹。有些屋主满脸忧郁无奈的大略陈述水患经过，清洗团队在屋主指示下协助清洗、整理理、搬运损坏的物件，尤其是已被水侵蚀损坏的大型器具家私。卫理救灾援助与发展（MCRD）义工团队们都富有同理心与怜悯情怀，大家都很认真卖力的洗刷、扫抹、搬运，时间也很快飞逝，我们大概在下午三时大约10分钟小休后，又赶紧继续清洗，看见屋主们脸上逐渐露出欣慰的笑容，他们似乎对MCRD团队的援助感到欣慰，也恢复了信心与盼望。

感谢神，感谢卫理救灾援助与发展事工（MCRD），感谢所有前线后勤的志愿义工，感谢各区域堂会的接待预备餐饮，大家各尽其职愿意顺服遵从神的教导，身体力行的到灾区社群中，一起清洗满屋黄泥臭味的屋子，给予灾民适宜的援助，体现主的大爱。我们巴不得能够还原他们灾前最初的温暖家园。我们深知看得见的污秽可以洗清洁，心中灵里的污秽则需要主耶稣基督的宝血洁净。求圣洁的圣灵感动人心，恩待他们，带领他们听到救赎的福音，感悟天父不离不弃、无条件的爱，让地球村全民在主里幸福安稳。

祈愿我们所爱的国家乡土马来西亚与全民，在严峻疫情与水患磨难中，依然坚强勇敢，且有爱与盼望，因为我深信：

无论是死，是生，是天使，是掌权的，是有能的，是现在的事，是将来的事，是高大的，是低处的，是别的受造之物，都不能叫我们与神的爱隔绝；这爱是在我们的主基督耶稣里的。



A Fool for God

By Tan Ying Kee

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Can you reject your appointment?

Why do you want to serve in another town and waste money on rental and petrol?

Why are you so silly to accept the task when the salary is the same and the increase of RM180 in allowance can't even cover your rental and petrol?

Those were the reactions from friends when I told them about my appointment to head SMK Horley Methodist, a mission school in Teluk Intan in September 2015. The school was located 60 km from my house.

Before this new appointment, I had been a senior assistant for more than ten years in three different schools. To head a school in another district was a great challenge to me. There were a lot of sacrifices and adjustments that needed to be made. I would be away from my family and I needed to rent a place to stay. Furthermore, I had to fork out quite a lot of money for petrol and rental totalling about RM600 each month. In addition, I had to purchase an SUV for my safety as it was dangerous to overtake the many lorries on my way to Teluk Intan, especially the ten wheelers on Monday mornings at 6 a.m.

However, deep in my heart, I was prepared to accept the challenge. I didn't mind being a fool for Christ. Throughout my career as an educator for more than 30 years, I had never been posted to a mission school. Now towards the end of my career, I had been given an opportunity to serve in a Methodist school and I felt that I could contribute and make a difference in the lives of the students and teachers. Furthermore, TCF (Teachers' Christian Fellowship) has always encouraged us, Christian teachers, to rise to the challenge to serve as heads of mission schools. In addition, my late wife also encouraged me and gave me her blessings.

When I first stepped into the Horley Methodist school compound, my heart sank. The classrooms, especially in the older blocks were in disrepair and infested with termites. The canteen was too small for a secondary school with a population of 100 teachers and 1000 students. The office and staff room were small, congested and also infested with termites. One teacher told me that the school bell had not been rung for more than a year. The road leading to the school entrance was so obscure that I had actually

missed it on my first day. The school buses couldn't go all the way to the school gate as the road was too narrow. On rainy days, students would be drenched walking to the school from the bus stop or vice versa. The facilities were old and lacking because the school had been established more than 100 years ago in 1899. However, I am thankful to the previous principal, Mr Ho Kum Weng, for his leadership and commitment as he had sourced for funds from the community and various philanthropists to build the school hall which houses two badminton courts, six classrooms and an art and craft room. The new hall was very useful for our weekly school assembly and for the PMR and SPM examinations. When I first arrived, the weekly school assembly had been held in the open outside the school office.

"Those whom the Lord calls, He will also equip and provide." Those were the words I remembered when I attended the cell church conferences at DUMC many years ago. Indeed, the Lord knows our needs even before we dare to ask. One of my first tasks was to install the PA system and automatic bell. Actually there was an automatic bell, but it had not been in use for a long time and needed to be reset. However, for the PA system to work, there was a need to install eight more horn speakers in addition to the existing two. To my dismay, the electrical wiring for the speakers would cost a huge sum because the supplier needed to get an electrical contractor to do the wiring.

One day, a man came to my office to get a copy of his wife's school leaving certificate. He said that his wife needed the certificate to enrol in a diploma course in New Zealand. I asked the office boy to search for it in the termite-infested storeroom and we managed to find the records which showed that his wife did complete her Form 5 in the school many, many years ago. Then, before he left, I casually enquired about his occupation. To my surprise, he told me that he was an electrical contractor and he was registered with Tenaga Nasional Berhad. Immediately, I asked him to quote the cost of wiring for the horn speakers. His quotation turned out to be much cheaper than the earlier one quoted by the supplier. So I got him to do the job, after getting approval from the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Indeed the Lord knows and He provides. This electrical contractor came to me.

I didn't go to look for him. I marvelled at the Lord's provision. It wasn't a coincidence that the electrical contractor had appeared in my office that day. It was a divine appointment.



Subsequently, the same contractor did other electrical projects for the school at reasonable costs. The most significant one was the replacement of the huge electrical switchboard for the school. One day, I was told that smoke was coming out of the switchboard that was situated in an old bungalow which we used as a library. The ground floor was made of concrete but the first floor was wooden. I inspected the switchboard and found that it was made by G.E.C. (General Electric Company) in England in 1945! After the switchboard was replaced, many teachers and students were angry with me because there was electrical tripping in many classrooms. I had to explain that the tripping was for their safety and the new switchboard could detect defective electrical fittings and appliances. The right thing to do was to repair or replace the faulty electrical appliances. I also asked the contractor to redo the wiring for the various air conditioners and connect them directly to the switchboard according to the correct specification, for the safety of the students and teachers.



Due to the size of the canteen, the morning session had three recess sessions because of the lack of space for the students to eat. A teacher, Mr Ong Thiam Hock connected me to a local contractor who

agreed to extend the canteen by 14 feet x 147 feet at a reasonable cost and also brought me to a local supplier to purchase the tiles. Dr Kerk Choon Keng, the chairman of the school Board of Governors, was very supportive of the project. On the other hand, the sports secretary was very worried that the extension would encroach into the school field. I managed to convince him that even with the extension, there would still be four feet of space for the linesmen during a football game and the football game wouldn't be affected. After the extension, there was enough space for 20 new canteen tables and 40 benches and the morning recess was reduced to two sessions, instead of the previous three. Mr Ong was indeed a godsend as he helped me to get in touch with various people and organisations in the community. Most of the teachers in the school were also helpful and cooperative.

Apart from improving the infrastructure and facilities, I also introduced the classroom monitoring system which I had learnt from my previous schools. The student affairs unit compiled a booklet for each class with the name list of the students and columns for the teaching periods of each school day. The class monitor had to collect the booklet from the counsellor's office each day and mark the attendance of the students for each period and the teacher teaching that particular period had to sign to verify the attendance. In this way, I could keep track of the attendance of the students as well as the teachers for each teaching period.

I regularly used the weekly school assembly to motivate and challenge the students to excel in their studies. I still remember trying very hard to motivate and challenge the PT3 candidates to score A's in Science during my first year there. After much hard work put in by the teachers and students, finally a few from that batch of students managed to score A's in Science. Every day I would enter at least one class to observe a teacher teaching and at the same time collect 20 exercise books for checking. I found the SKPM 2010 observation instrument realistic and user friendly. After the observation, I could give the feedback to the teacher concerned on the same day itself, together with a copy of the form, showing the score and comments. However, I found the new SKPMg2 observation forms too detailed and unrealistic and cumbersome to calculate the score with different weightage for different aspects. I had the pleasure of witnessing my Form 3, Form 5 and Form 6 students doing well in their PT3, SPM and STPM exams. There were even SPM candidates who managed to score 10A's and 11A's, and STPM candidates obtaining the maximum 4A's.

After six months at the school, I decided that the back gate would become the new entrance because the road at the entrance couldn't be widened anymore but the road at the back could be widened to accommodate three school buses. Again the Lord brought various people to help make this a reality. Some teachers offered to contact officers in Tenaga Nasional and Telekom Malaysia. Amazingly, in about a week after sending in the written requests, workers from both Tenaga Nasional and Telekom Malaysia came to relocate the electrical and telephone posts. After another week, local council workers came to clear the bushes and tar the side of the road. That was very fast.

After the road widening had been completed, I had one thousand copies of letters printed to inform the parents and school bus drivers of the change so that they would drop their children off and fetch them at the new entrance. I also had to explain to the students and teachers the reasons for the change and sought their cooperation to use the new entrance, which entailed walking a slightly greater distance to reach the staff room and classrooms. New covered parking bays for the principal and senior assistants were also erected near the new entrance. The principal and senior assistants would take the lead in using the new entrance, so there would not be excuses for the teachers and students not to do so. I wish to thank God for the PTA chairman, Datuk Supramaniam, who was also a local councillor for his invaluable help in getting the project done speedily. Imagine in just two weeks, the bushes were cleared and the road widened and tarred. I also received lots of advice, cooperation and help from Dr Kerk Choon Keng who always gave his support for the various projects in order to make the school a safe and conducive place for the students and teachers.

The Lord is indeed Jehovah Jireh. He provided the right people to help me even as He called me to serve Him in the school. I would also like to thank Rev Christopher Rao, my school chaplain, who regularly came by to pray for me and with me. I really sensed the Lord's guidance and provision as I answered the call to serve as the principal of the school. It is my hope that my sharing would inspire more Christian teachers to step out of their comfort zone and be willing to accept administrative posts, and make a difference in the lives of the students and teachers.

Recently many of our mission schools have been unable to get Christian heads. This problem started way back in 2013 when the new education blueprint was implemented. According to this new blueprint, a

headmaster or principal cannot be appointed unless he or she has the NPQEL (National Professional Qualification for Educational Leaders) Diploma. The Christian community needs to be more intentional and put in place some measures to address the shortage of eligible Christian heads for mission schools.

Firstly, our churches must actively and intentionally encourage our youths to take up teaching as a career. If Christians don't apply for courses in the teacher training institutes and universities, there will not be Christian teachers in the future. If there are no Christian teachers, there won't be Christian heads of schools. Secondly, the various Councils of Education of the respective denominations need to work with the Boards of Governors and school heads to recommend suitably qualified Christian teachers to be appointed as Heads of Department (Guru Kanan/Ketua Bidang). After holding the post of Guru Kanan for some time, the teacher is qualified to be promoted to the Senior Assistant post. Then, he or she qualifies to apply for the NPQEL course. It is a long process.

Today many Christian teachers have already retired or are retiring soon. This is reflected in the membership of TCF. We are losing out because we don't have a big pool of new Christian teachers in our schools. Imagine TCF having a membership of only 18 Christian teachers in the 20-29 age group in 2021. We need the cooperation of pastors, parents and grandparents to motivate our youths to seriously consider taking up the teaching profession as a vocation to continue the legacy of providing wholesome education and preserving the ethos of our mission schools. Teachers can impact lives and make a big difference in our society and our nation.



Tan Ying Kee retired on 1st March 2018 after 36 years of faithful service

Methodist Boys' School, Penang Celebrates 131 Years



On Saturday, 28th May 2022, Methodist Boys' School, Penang hosted an appreciation lunch for its teachers and staff at Eastin Hotel. The conjoined celebration of Eid, Teacher's Day and Founder's Day were made possible thanks to the generous contribution from members of the MBS Board of Governors. The event was put together with the hope not only to honour the contributions and sacrifices made by the members of the MBS fraternity but to also commemorate the legacy of the founder, Rev. B.H. Balderstone, and his vision to provide the highest quality education to all individuals regardless of race, gender or circumstance.

The celebration was graced with some important figures who helped shape MBS into a dynamic learning institution, namely former principal, Mr Khor Hong Yin, Chairman of the MBS Board of Governors, Dato Khoo Cheok Sin and the Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, Rev. Dr T. Jeyakumar. In his speech, Bishop Jeyakumar not only managed to entertain the guests with his witty remarks but also emphasised the importance of empowering Methodist schools all around Malaysia.

With over one hundred guests attending the luncheon and staying to participate in the festivities of the day, it was a wonderful opportunity to commemorate the incredible environment and connected community that MBS has developed over the years.



Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar giving his opening address



Thumbs up!! Bishop Dr T. Jeyakumar, Tn Hj Roland Bin Abu Hassan (Deputy Director of the Penang Education Department), En Yusof Shaari (Head of the North East District Education office) together with members of the MBS Board of Governors



Appreciation lunch with teachers of MBS

A Historic & Momentous Occasion for MCKL Long Awaited Pykett Campus Officially Opens at Georgetown, Penang



The Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) leaders gathered with Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) key management team on 27th May 2022 for a Dedication Service and Launch Ceremony to celebrate the momentous opening of MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus).

Previously known as Pykett Methodist Primary School, the campus site spans across 4 acres and is known to have nurtured many generations of Penangites dating back to the days of Rev George Frederick Pykett, after whom the school was named. During renovation, MCKL had intentionally preserved the character and structure of the 130-year old historic school building and upgraded its classrooms and facilities to accommodate different styles of teaching – ranging from face-to-face, online, and even hybrid options where applicable.

Gracing the launch event as Special Guest of Honour, Y.A.B. Tuan Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang, thanked MCKL in his speech for choosing Penang and helping the state in its aspirations to be recognised as an excellent educational hub for the community and the nation. “MCKL has proven itself to be an institution that provides excellent academic and holistic education. It is my sincere hope that with this new branch campus, more future talents in Penang will have access to pursue their professional pre-university and quality tertiary education and play a major role in shaping the state’s aspirations of Penang 2030 Vision,” he said.

Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, in his speech, reminded and emphasised on the importance of an education system that teaches students to not only excel academically, but also to imbue them with good moral values and reverence for God. “Our teachings help build and nurture moral values that merit integrity and trustworthiness in our students. This not only helps to improve graduate employability but will also lead and guide our students to all-rounded success in life,” he said.

Ms. Angela Pok, CEO of MCKL, expressed that for MCKL’s leaders, the dedication service and launch ceremony represented the culmination of more than two years’ worth of planning and hard work. “The campus was not built in a day, as many of us can attest to. MCKL is here to create an Institution for society and is about ‘you’. The Pykett Campus was built with ‘you’ in mind, where students excel, and communities belong. We will continue our legacy to nurture and groom students with the core values of Methodist traditions and continue to serve the Penang community wholeheartedly,” she said.

The launch event was also graced by Yang Berbahagia Dato’ Chin Lean Keat, Chairman, Board of Directors of Wesleyan Education Services Sdn Bhd; Yang Berbahagia Dato’ Dr Tan Kee Kwong, Chairman of MCKL Board of Governors; Mr. Lim Kah Cheng, Private Education Director of Methodist



Officiating the launch of MCKL Penang Pykett Campus.

(From left to right)
Ms. Angela Pok, CEO of MCKL; Mr. Lim Kah Cheng, Private Education Director of Methodist Council of Education; Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia; Y.A.B. Tuan Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang; Y. Bhg. Dato’ Chin Lean Keat, Chairman, Board of Directors of Wesleyan Education Services Sdn Bhd; Y. Bhg. Dato’ Dr Tan Kee Kwong, Chairman of MCKL Board of Governors; and Dr Gerard Boey, Principal & Academic Dean of MCKL.

Recording a momentous occasion in the launch of the MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus). Gracing the launch event were guests of honour, Y.A.B. Tuan Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang, (seated, 7th from left), and Reverend Dr. T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia (seated, 8th from left); along with MCKL Board of Governors, Board of Directors, Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), Pykett School Alumni, MCKL Senior Management Team and MCKL Staff.



Council of Education (MCOE); and Dr Gerard Boey, Principal and Academic Dean of MCKL.

MCKL was first established in Kuala Lumpur in 1983. Celebrating its 39th anniversary this year, the Pykett Campus will be offering Pre-U, early childhood education, and IR 4.0 oriented programmes to Northern region students. Among the study courses available include Cambridge ‘A’ Level, Australian Matriculation, and diplomas in Early Childhood

Education, Information Technology, Computer Science, Digital Business and Digital Marketing.

MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus) is now open for enrolment. For further information, visit www.mckl.edu.my, email at admission@mckl.edu.my, call 03-2300 0998 or 04-2175088.

Follow MCKL on its official social media channels on Facebook and Instagram @MethodistCollegeKL.



Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia (front, left) presenting a token of appreciation to Chief Minister of Penang, Y.A.B. Tuan Chow Kon Yeow for officiating the launch of MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus).



Y. Bhg. Dato’ Chin Lean Keat, Chairman, Board of Directors of Wesleyan Education Services Sdn Bhd, presenting a token of appreciation to Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia, witnessed by Y.A.B. Tuan Chow Kon Yeow, Chief Minister of Penang (centre), for officiating the dedication service of MCKL College (Penang, Pykett Campus).

Congratulations, Methodist College Kuala Lumpur Graduates of April 2022!



Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) conducted the Graduation & Awards Ceremony for three courses: Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE), Diploma in Social Work (DSW), and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) on 2nd April 2022.

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) opened its auditorium doors for the year 2022 on 2nd April for its Graduation & Awards Ceremony. The ceremony was conducted for three courses: **Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE), Diploma in Social Work (DSW), and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).**

Not only were students awarded with their accolades for their respective field of study, prizes and awards were also given to students who made accomplishments with their aptitude, leaving a mark, and becoming a part of MCKL's legacy.

To commemorate this Graduation & Awards Ceremony 2022, Ms. Angela Pok, CEO of MCKL; Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Malaysia; and the respective head of programmes were present to award the students with their certificates.

Ms. Angela shared her heartfelt sentiments, saying, "I admire all of you, students, faculty, and staff alike, that we could get through over two years of the pandemic. Our journey might have had a rocky start but looking at how far we've come and the accomplishments achieved, I continue to be proud of our students and our institution."

This would be the second, physical graduation and awards ceremony that MCKL has held after the Covid-19 pandemic. MCKL organised a virtual one last September in consideration of everyone's safety.

Rev Dr T. Jeyakumar congratulated all the students, lecturers and support staff for their dedication and determination throughout the programme and attested that The Methodist Church and the Council of Education continue to be proud of their graduates' success and achievements since the College was first established in 1983.

This year's Graduation and Awards Ceremony saw 17 graduates from the Early Childhood Education Diploma programme. 7 of them graduated with merit, while 6 achieved distinctions. **Lim Zhi Wei** was awarded the 'Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng Award 2022' for being the overall best performer.

The Social Work Diploma programme celebrated their second graduating batch this year since its establishment five years ago. Two students graduated with distinction and four graduated with merit. In honour of the late Tan Sri Dr Tan Chee Khoon for his contribution to society and nation, and as a leader in the Parliament of Malaysia and who was also a member of The Methodist Church



Graduates from the ACCA programme.
Ang Guo Weng (front row, second from right) was awarded Top 3 Affiliates in Malaysia and 16th place globally.

in Malaysia who had battled many social issues, the 'Tan Sri Dr Tan Chee Khoon Award 2022' was awarded to **Gan Lee Fan** this year.

Being a Platinum Status Approved Learning Partner (ALP) of ACCA, MCKL is proud to produce 10 ACCA affiliates. One of them is **Ang Guo Weng**, who made his mark as Malaysia's Top 3 Affiliates at 3rd place and 16th place globally. He was also the World Prize Winner in the year 2019; and was also awarded the Malaysia Prize Winner for two consecutive years in a row, 2019 and 2020. **Ganapathi Murugappan**, who is still studying his ACCA programme with MCKL was awarded World Prize Winner for FTX (MYS) Foundation in Taxation paper.

As the ceremony came to an end, Ms Angela Pok emphasised the importance of EQ in today's world that it goes along with one's career for better



Graduates from the Early Childhood Education Diploma programme.
Lim Zhi Wei (front row, third from right) was awarded the 'Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng Award 2022' for being the overall best performer.

progress. "Learn to be bold and take risk, never let failure stop your ambitions. At times we may think that we are in a fix, but I urge you to not give up and see it as a chance to explore and test your limits," she said.

Founded in 1983, MCKL is celebrating its 39th anniversary this year. With its many well recorded milestones in the field of education, MCKL continues its vision and commitment of being 'The Institution of Excellence for Life' in producing graduates and nurturing them to be respectable role models for generations to come.

Learn more about MCKL's programme offerings at www.mckl.edu.my, or follow its official social media channels on Facebook and Instagram @ MethodistCollegeKL.



Graduates from the Social Work Diploma programme.
Gan Lee Fan (second row, third from left) was awarded the 'Tan Sri Dato' Dr. Tan Chee Khoon Award 2022'.



Congratulations to Methodist College Kuala Lumpur Graduates of April 2022!

Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) – Back to School Prayer Walk & Blessing



Psalm 106:1 Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

We praise the Lord for Wesley Methodist School Bandar Seri Coalfields (Private) (WMSBSCP) Back to School Prayer Walk & Blessing event which was held on 13th April with the presence of Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar – Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia (MCM) as the guest speaker.

The purpose of the event, organised by the school with the support from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE), was to give thanks and glory to our Lord for exceeding the enrolment target for

2022. It was also to gather people for a prayer walk to pray for the teachers, students, principals, and staff welfare. Other prayer items included upgrading of the school facilities in view of future growth and the approval for Taska licence application.

The event was also attended by Bishop Joshua Khong - Bishop of the Trinity Annual Conference and the WMS Board of Management (BoM) Chairman and Vice Chairman. MCOE colleagues were also present with principals, teachers, and students.



Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar delivering his speech



Bishop Dr. T. Jeyakumar praying over the children's wellness at the kindergarten



Students gathered at the multi-purpose hall attending the blessing service



Bishop Joshua Khong saying the closing prayer

WMS Teacher's Day Celebration 2022

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is with us: MCOE and WMS celebrated Teachers' Day virtually on 16th May, with the presence of Rev Dr. T. Jeyakumar, Bishop of The Methodist Church in Malaysia (MCM).

During the event, a video in appreciation of teachers who had served in the schools for at least 10 years was featured.

This year, teachers received the Penan handwoven bags from the Methodist Council of Education (MCOE) as a token of appreciation, acknowledging their hard work and effort contributed to the schools. It is also an initiative to support and empower the Penan women in supporting their families financially. 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these bags are channeled back to the Penan community.



Handwoven bags made by the Penan women



Happy teachers receiving their Teacher's Day gift

METHODIST COLLEGE KUALA LUMPUR Position Description: Chief Executive Officer



ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL) is a registered private college established since 1983 providing quality, holistic education in the best of Methodist traditions. Emphasis is placed on core values of honouring God, cherishing relationships, celebrating excellence and Christian ethos. Now with 2 campuses in Brickfields Kuala Lumpur and Pykett Penang, MCKL provides a safe, nurturing environment conducive for learning as well as for students to explore their strengths and skills through involvement in various extra-curricular activities and events. The college has developed rapidly since its inception and currently has more than 1,300 students enrolled and 180 staff.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responsible to the Board of Directors (BOD) of Wesley Education Services Sdn Bhd (WESSB) and the Council Of Education (COE) of the Methodist Church in Malaysia and the Board Of Governors (BOG) in articulating and fulfilling the vision and mission of Methodist College Kuala Lumpur (MCKL).
2. Lead, plan and implement the medium-term (3 to 5 years) and long-term (6 to 8 years) development plans to ensure MCKL have a clear Strategic Plan and Direction for its long-term sustainability.
3. Prepare MCKL for the upgrading exercise from College to University College status within the stipulated timeframe.

4. Ensure that MCKL is in full compliance with Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE), Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) policies and regulations.
5. Responsible for the annual operating and capital expenditure budgets and the effective management and development of MCKL's personnel, financial, ICT and physical resources.
6. Represent the interests of MCKL and COE in its relationship with other institutions of higher education, industries, relevant associations, government agencies and the community.
7. Develop new programmes (including Pre-U, diploma and tertiary), life-long learning courses, related educational programmes partnering with industry players.

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send application, C.V. and completed form (download from <https://bit.ly/3N7tbx6>) by 15 July 2022 to:

The Private Education Director
Methodist Council of Education
No.67, Jalan 5/31
46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor
Email : kahcheng.lim@mcoe.edu.my

Position : **Teachers (All Subjects)**

Location : **Wesley Methodist Schools (Kuala Lumpur, Bandar Seri Coalfields, Klang, Seremban, Ipoh, Penang)**

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Teach full-time IGCSE or KSSM subjects.
- Develop lesson plans, provide homework to students, marking of workbooks, and give appropriate feedback to the students. Prepare test papers and revision papers to prepare students for their exams.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Candidates must possess at least a Bachelor's Degree/Post-Graduate Diploma/Professional Degree in Education/Teaching/Training or equivalent.
- At least two (2) years of teaching experience in IGCSE subjects in an International School setting.
- Candidates must be fluent in both written and spoken English & Bahasa Malaysia

To apply, please contact Ms Geraldine at the Methodist Council of Education at (03) 7956-5310 or email full resume to: geraldine@mcoe.edu.my



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